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204662-1:n:02/06/2020:AR/ar LSA2020-527 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED AEROSPACE 8 9 MANUFACTURING GROWTH IN ALABAMA. 10 WHEREAS, the aerospace manufacturing sector in the 11 United States and the State of Alabama is creating significant 12 13 employment opportunities, business growth, and manufacturing 14 excellence, and is critical to the nation's military and 15 economic security; and WHEREAS, the expanding industrial operations of 16 17 Airbus, located at the Brookley Industrial Complex in Mobile 18 County, Alabama, which directly employs over 1,250 engineers and production technicians, is essential to the continued 19 20 growth of the aerospace manufacturing sector in the State of 21 Alabama; and 22 WHEREAS, Airbus has been a vital member of our 23 State's business community for more than 15 years, with three 24 major facilities in the State; and 25 WHEREAS, the \$600 million Airbus A320 United States manufacturing facility in Mobile County, which opened in 2015, 26

has delivered over 164 Alabama-made aircraft to United States
 airline customers to date; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2019, Airbus broke ground on a \$300 4 million A220 United States manufacturing facility in Mobile 5 County that will assemble the newest Airbus aircraft, the 6 A220, for United States airline customers, with deliveries to 7 begin in 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2020, Airbus announced a further \$40 9 million investment in new facilities needed to increase 10 production to seven A320 aircraft per month by 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, Airbus continues to expand its 12 manufacturing employment footprint to South Alabama by 13 recently announcing a further 275 jobs to be added over the 14 next year coupled with the hiring of more than 600 production 15 technicians in 2019, which more than doubled the number of its 16 employees in one year; and

WHEREAS, Airbus supports over 275,000 American jobs
by spending approximately \$15 billion annually with hundreds
of United States suppliers, including many in Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, proposed tariffs on imported aircraft 21 components and assemblies from Europe place at risk this 22 significant industrial and employment growth in the City of 23 Mobile, Mobile County, and South Alabama as well as Airbus' 24 suppliers across the state; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH 26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature of the State 27 of Alabama does hereby fully support the continued

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1 manufacturing operations of Airbus at the Brookley Industrial 2 Complex in Mobile County, Alabama, and does hereby urge the 3 President of the United States and the United States Trade 4 Representative to continue the current trade policy of not 5 applying tariffs on imported aerospace components and 6 assemblies from Europe, and thereby ensure the continued 7 growth of aerospace manufacturing in Alabama.